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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/584,728	YOSHIMURA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Khanh Tran	2631	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/25/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-15 and 18-20, which are renumbered as claims 1-15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06/01/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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1. The Amendment After Final Rejection filed on 07/25/2005 has been entered.
Claims 4-15 and 18-20 are pending in this Office action.

2. Claims are renumbered as shown below:

- Claims 4-15 and 18-20 renumbered as claims 1-15.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 9, filed on 07/25/2005, with respect to claims 4 and 14 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 4 and 14 has been withdrawn. The pending application is now in condition for allowance after Applicants amend claims to include allowable features.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. Regarding claim 4, claim is allowable because Applicants amended claim to include allowable limitations "said third latch circuit has a first output node for outputting a signal of an equal polarity to said data input signal and a second output node for outputting an inverted output of said signal output from said first output node". The

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closest prior art, Kobayashi et al. (US Patent 5,576,643) disclosing a data transfer circuit device, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

5. Regarding claim 5, said claim is directed to a digital synchronous circuit wherein the digital synchronous circuit has been amended to claim uniquely distinct features “wherein said control circuit includes a first pulse generating circuit for generating a first pulse signal according to a change in said input data signal” and “a third latch circuit for receiving said first pulse signal at a data input node and a clock input node” and “a level determination circuit for outputting a detection signal when potential of an output signal from said third latch circuit has crossed a reference potential” and “a second pulse generating circuit for generating a second pulse signal according to a change in potential of said detection signal and outputting said second pulse signal as said control signal”. The closest prior art, Kobayashi et al. (US Patent 5,576,643) disclosing a data transfer circuit device, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-3007. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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